

Insight

St. Vincent & the Grenadines Association of Toronto Incorporated Quarterly Newsletter

October 2004

From The President's Desk

To our new readers welcome aboard to our quarterly Newsletter, and a very warm welcome to our faithful contributors to our quarterly Newsletter.

The association held its annual Unity picnic on July 24th 2004, at Brown's Bay Park, 1000 island, over six thousand persons were in attendance and had a fantastic opportunity to meet with our Prime Minister the Hon. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, who encouraged fellow Vincentians to continue to support our local entrepreneurs in Canada and St. Vincent and The Grenadines and do not forget to invest at home.

People travelled from New York, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. This year we made history by having for the first time in attendance at our Unity Picnic the Prime Minister from St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Also, during the summer we celebrated Canada Day, at Brampton. The attendance was small but the few who came out had a wonderful time at the park, playing games such as, Domino, and Tug-a-war. The guys won over the ladies. Congrats to the guys. Great show, see both teams next year.

The summer delivered bad news to our brothers and sisters in Canada from the neighbouring Caribbean islands, especially Grenada, Jamaica, and Haiti. Their family and friends suffered great loss due to the destruction of hurricane Ivan. They have lost love ones to death and their infrastructure have suffered extensive damage. St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. express deepest sympathy for the loss of family and friends due to the hurricane disaster and we pray God will continue to comfort you during the healing process.

As committed Caribbean people let us rally together to help our brethren who are in dire need of our help, lets us put all hands on deck to help rebuild Grenada. Our beautiful islands St. Vincent and the Grenadines were hit also, but not as bad as Grenada, therefore let us rebuild Grenada first. The process would be long but if we start now, the process will be shortened.

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God's peace extends to all.

Kenneth Farrell

President – SVG Association of Toronto Inc.

From the Membership & Publicity Committee

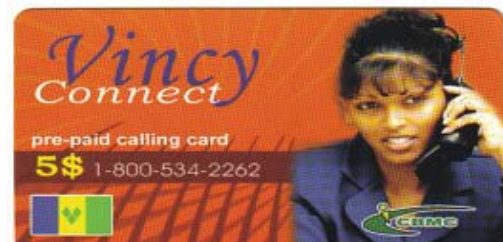
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Our website, www.vincytoronto.com was recently redesigned so we hope that you will visit it soon if you have not yet done so. Your thoughts, ideas and comments will be greatly appreciated as we feel that they will help us to serve you better.

This issue is our last for 2004 so please pay attention to the series of events we have listed for the remainder of the year. Our events to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Independence of St. Vincent and the Grenadines will begin on October 24 with the Thanksgiving Church Service and culminate with the Town Hall Discussion with the visiting government representative on November 7. The featured event of our celebrations will be the **Anniversary Banquet** at Meron Banquet Hall, 1600 Steeles Avenue in the Dufferin & Steeles area.

As we look forward to the end of the year we should begin to focus on the selection of a leadership team for the New Year. Committed volunteers are needed to help us build and maintain a vibrant organization.

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The Association meets on the last Sunday of each month at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, (Keele & Sheppard area) North York from 4:00 p.m. Business meetings are held in January, April, July and October. The other Sundays are used for educational discussions and social events. One can get in touch with the Executive either by writing to P.O. Box 392, Station F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2L8, e-mail at svgatoronto@vincytoronto.com, or phone at (416) 763-9889.

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THANKSGIVING CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday, October 24, 11:00 a.m.



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Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the service.

Bus Route: Warden 68 bus travels along Warden Avenue north and south. Buses run every 24 minutes from Warden Station north to Steeles and from Steeles south to Warden Station.

Please note that the Huntingwood bus does not run on Sundays.

For more information regarding connecting buses to the Warden Ave route, call TTC at 416-393-4636.

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Vincy Unity Picnic 2004

By Gideon Exeter

Some historians amongst us may disagree with me but although I am unable to remember the exact year it started, this picnic was named the Unity Picnic during the term of former Consul General J. Burns Bonadie. This summer picnic was held back in the days of our first Honorary Consul General, Mr. Ceford Providence but it was not consistently held at 1000 Islands nor did it include the three associations of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

My recollection is that Mr. Bonadie suggested the picnic to be held to coincide with Caricom Day and invited the three associations to participate in it. Regardless to when it started, The Vincy Unity Picnic has grown to such a grand affair that our fellow Caribbean islanders envy us for the attendance, comradeship and altogether good behaviour that Vincentians exhibit year after year.

Many of us look forward to this picnic to meet friends and school mates whom we would not normally meet. Others use the opportunity to just get out and have fun. This year's picnic has had the largest attendance so far and it may well be the expected presence of Prime Minister, Hon. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves that encouraged some folks out. The estimates range from five to six thousand persons and there were Vincentians and friends of Vincentians from other nationalities.

For a change, the eleven buses from Toronto got to

Brown's Bay Provincial Park before noon and on getting there at 11:00 a.m. was a challenge to get picnic tables. Montreal provided 10 buses and Ottawa 2 but we are still unable to determine the number of private vehicles that were spreaded around the park. For some unknown reason the buses from Montreal and Ottawa usually get there before those from Toronto,

Unlike previous years, we could not have wished for better weather conditions. Some of the youngsters were prepared for such conditions that they were able to have a swim in the lake. Disc Jockeys set up their systems at about six different locations so the carnival atmosphere of music and food filled the air. Please visit our website site, www.vincytoronto.com to view some of the pictures taken by Tony Hadley of Montreal and Edson Huggins of Toronto. Our sincere thanks to these two gentlemen for their kind assistance.

Prime Minister Gonsalves and Hon. Jerrold Thompson who were visiting Toronto and Quebec City on unrelated business seized the opportunity to join the party and bring greetings from the homeland.

With all indications that this picnic will be a major attraction to Vincentians within a reasonable travel distance the Associations agreed that there would no longer be the uncertainty of the date for the event. The third Saturday of July will from now on be the date for the Annual St. Vincent and the Grenadines Associations Unity Picnic.



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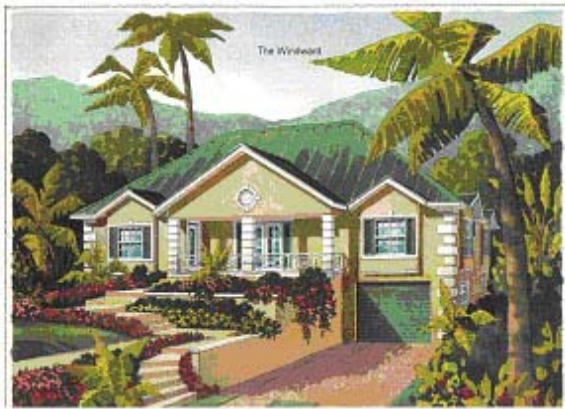
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Obituaries

Quite a number of our friends and relatives of our community have passed to the great beyond since our last publication. At the time of going to press, we have been unable to get a complete list and for the fear of unintentionally omitting anyone, we would like to state that the Executive and Members of the Association take this opportunity to express sincere condolences to all who have lost their loved ones.

The Executive is looking to reach out to Vincentian groups around the world as we feel that from time to time we may be able to work together on matters of mutual interest and on projects designed to benefit St. Vincent and the Grenadines. If you know of any of these groups in Canada, the United States or elsewhere, kindly ask them to contact us.

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Tentative Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
Independence Church Service	October 24, 2004	Wesley Free Methodist Chapel
Monthly General Meeting	October 31, 2004	Northwood Community Centre
25 th Independence Banquet	November 6, 2004	Meron Banquets, 1600 Steeles West
Town Hall Discussions	November 7, 2004	Northwood Community Centre
End of Season Cricket Dance	November 27, 2004	UAW Union Hall, 30 Tangiers Road
Monthly General Meeting	November 28, 2004	Northwood Community Centre
Winter Games Evening	December 4, 2004	TBD
Children's Christmas Party	December 19, 2004	TBD
Community Sing-a-long	December 18, 2004	TBD
Christmas Hamper Distribution	December 23, 24	

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Wood takes CXC award



KAMAL WOOD

Source: Searchlight Newspaper, SVG. 01.OCT.04
A VINCENTIAN STUDENT, KAMAL WOOD, has, for the first time, copped the award of Most Outstanding Student in the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) May/June examinations and the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC).

Wood took the honours out of a total of one hundred and thirty-two thousand, one hundred and seventy-four (132,174) candidates from throughout the entire region.

Soca-Calypso Competition in Toronto

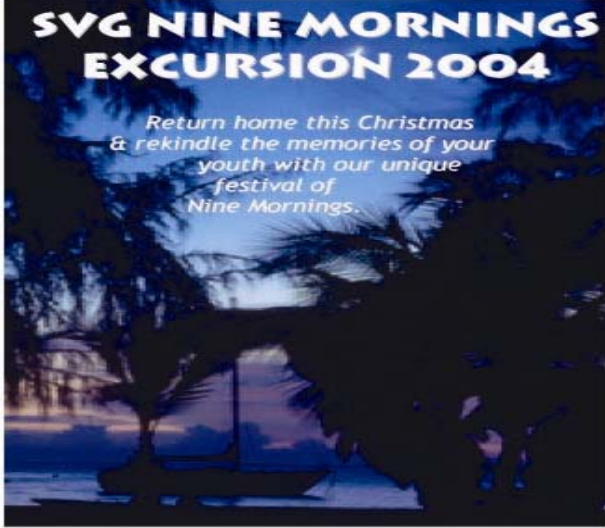
The Association in conjunction with the Cricket Team organized the first ever Pre-Independence Vincy Soca-Calypso competition on Saturday, September 25. From a registered field of ten contestants, six calypsonians from St. Vincent and the Grenadines living here in Toronto participated. Storm who hails from Richland Park, emerged the winner with his song Sweet SVG was the crowd's favourite.

Other participants were D'Ifall of Georgetown who sang Soca Music, Ezra Clark of Kingstown singing Pusherman and Mussa of Chauncey who sang Rudeness. Second place was taken by Vincy Sting of Sandy Bay with his song

Panman, while Yellow from Barrouallie was third with his song Esselin.


For his winning performance, Storm will appear at the Association's 25th Independence Banquet. He has also won a cash prize 25 hours of recording time at Zyrcon Studios, which is owned and managed by D'Ifall.


Mr. Vin Abbott emceed the event and kept up a lively show. The winner was crowned by Consul General Mr. E. Bernard John. Music was provided by Love Power and DJ Fusion. The organizers endeavour to make this an annual affair.



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On the occasion of the celebration of the Independence Anniversary of our country, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, we choose this time to publicly show our support, encouragement and render thanks to our future leaders.

ELIGIBILITY

The student would have completed the Ontario Secondary School Program during the current year or the year previous to the one in which the recognitions are held and fall into at least one of the following categories:-

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- c) Be a member of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto.
- d) Be the child of a member of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto.

The Information Sheet on Page 7 must be completed and returned to the Association by October 15, 2004.

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STUDENT RECOGNITION INFORMATION SHEET

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School of graduation: _____

Please give a summary of your achievements in school: _____

Do you intend to post secondary education? _____

Or, are you currently attending college or university? _____ If yes, name the institution:

Please indicate which career you intend to pursue: _____

List other extra curricular interests: _____

Do you volunteer any of your time to a charity or cause within the community you live? _____ If

yes, give details: _____

Please indicate if any member of your family is a member of the Association: _____

If you are not a member and wish more information about the Association, please contact any member of the Executive or call write to us at the address listed below.

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RELIEF COMMITTEE WALK-A-THON

The Executive of the Association and members of the Relief Committee would like to thank all those who in one way or the other supported the recently held Walk-A-Thon. Although there were fewer walkers this year the Walk was able to raise in excess of \$1,000.00.

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The ULP Government has increased the number of scholarships awarded to students who excel in the A'Level examinations at the St.Vincent and the Grenadines Community College.

At a press conference this morning, Prime Minister Dr.Ralph Gonsalves announced that this year instead of awarding four, 6 students will receive 5-year national scholarships to University. They are Lenski Douglas, Verona James, Luke Browne, Ellenford Roban, Bernard John and Akeila Browne. Lenski Douglas will also receive the Prime Minister's Award of \$5,000 and a medal.

Meanwhile, in commemoration of St.Vincent and the Grenadines' 25th Anniversary of Independence, Dr. Gonsalves announced that 7 A'Level students will receive 3-year awards to University. They are: Suzette Lewis, Ashelle Morgan, Charissa Morgan, Marisia Roache, Dora Robinson, Sajilla Mc Dowald and Kalisia Issacs.

The results of the 2004 A'Level Exams have been described as "the best for many decades".

Source: WEFM99.9

Dr. Allan Liverpool Award

Nominations are invited from members of our community for the Dr. Allan Liverpool Award. Throughout his lifetime, Samuel Allan Liverpool dedicated himself to serve the communities in which he lived, both in his homeland of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and later in Montreal and Toronto, Canada. He did so with enthusiasm, dedication and without looking for any reward.

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YOUTH RECOGNITION

In 1993 the Association began what was expected to be an annual event of recognizing children of Vincentian background who have graduated Grade 12 or Grade 13. The intention is to encourage them to pursue a higher level of education and to motivate their juniors to excel academically. Please encourage those qualified to obtain a registration form from any Executive member complete it before returning it by mid October.

It is expected that the recognition will take place during our Independence Anniversary Celebrations.

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village, the spectacle of the community lighting competition, the return of carollers (serenades) both in competition and at your doorstep, along with other enticements. We need to feel this experience before we can effectively "sell it" to non-Vincitians.

It is with this in mind that we encourage you to seize the opportunity now to reconnect with our homeland. As a Vincentian, you deserve to be there, not only to observe, but also to participate...in our ***Nine Mornings Festival 2004...***

Details are available in the attached flier on Page 13.

Sincerely,

E. Bernard John

Consul General

CANADA BEST-PERFORMING MARKET FOR TOURISM

With visitors from Canada to the Caribbean islands of St. Vincent & The Grenadines up by 15.7 percent this year, Canada has become the best performing market for these Caribbean islands.

Canadian "same day" visitors, day-tripping from nearby islands such as Barbados, St. Lucia and Grenada, are up by 7.2 percent.

And Canadians are staying longer. While the average length of stay for European visitors is 19 days and for Americans 14 days, Canadians tend to stay for 20.3 days, according to figures released by the Ministry of Tourism.

"We are very heartened by these figures," said Rene Baptiste, Minister of Tourism and Culture. "It indicates to us that we are on the right track in developing tourism to our islands. Tourism is on the move here now and with new developments under way and in the planning stage, we are confident that this industry is all set for a very bright future."

Last fall, St. Vincent & The Grenadines launched a campaign in Canada and the United Kingdom designed by the Westminster Communications Group of Toronto, to increase the profile of the islands in the international market. Focus of the campaign is currently on a three-month promotion in conjunction with the Cadillac Fairview group of shopping malls in Canada. Displays in each of the company's 33 malls across the country are designed to attract consumers to the superb diving, snorkelling, sailing and eco-tourism opportunities available in one of the very few untouched destinations in the Caribbean.

Visitors to the displays can pick up an entry form for a chance to win an all-inclusive vacation for two. The winners will stay at the highly-rated Young Island Resort,

self-contained on its own private island, just yards from the main island of St. Vincent. The prize for 2 includes airfare, hotel accommodation, all taxes and service charges, all meals and sightseeing tours to discover the beauty of lush St. Vincent with eco-tours specialists Hazeco Tours.

They will also have the opportunity to sample the best kept secret among avid scuba divers - the undersea world off St. Vincent, which has some of the best dive spots in the world, and Fantasea Tours will take them on a voyage of discovery to this magnificent underwater playground. The mall promotions put St. Vincent & The Grenadines in the company of co-sponsors Shoppers Drug Mart, Sony, Black's Cameras and Fashion Magazine.

A wide range of accommodation and rates is available, from guest houses and intimate waterfront hotels to some of the most luxurious resorts in the Caribbean.

Air Canada, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, American Airlines, Air France, BWIA and Air Jamaica all provide excellent service to gateways and onward connections can be made via American Eagle, Caribbean Star Airlines, LIAT, SVG Air, Trans Island Air and Mustique Airways. St. Lucia is a 20-minute flight away, Barbados 30 minutes.

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Helping the Needy at Christmas

Please consider making a donation to our Annual Christmas Hamper Programme. Cash or food stuff will be greatly appreciated. Contact Sonia at 905-832-6837.

NINE MORNINGS EXCURSION TO SVG

Vincentians have an opportunity to return home this Christmas to participate in the growing Nine-Mornings Festival.

A Nine-Mornings Excursion will be leaving Toronto on December 14th, with options to return on December 28th, January 4th or January 8th.

In recent years, Nine Mornings has developed into an organized cultural festival. The traditional practice of people walking to and from Christmas Mas was replaced over the years with bicycle parades, fetes, soccer games sea bathing and steel pan music in the streets. Two major attractions today are the numerous street concerts in towns and villages throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the spectacular community lighting competition which was won by Sion Hill last year.

The excursion is being organized at a time when available data indicates that indigenous festivals are major "drawing cards" in today's tourism industry – an opportunity for SVG which should not be missed.

Further information on the excursion is available at Crosland Travel (Tel: 416 491 1818), the office of the Consulate (Tel: 416 398 4003) or from members of the committee organizing the event.

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Hurricane Ivan in St. Vincent

One of the worst hurricanes to go through the Caribbean in the last 30 or so years caused massive devastation in numerous islands as well as in the State of Florida, USA. In the early days of the storm as it travelled its destructive path, Barbados and St. Vincent were viewed as targets for "Ivan the Terrible" but just before its approach to Barbados, it shifted direction southwards with its "eye" virtually missing the two islands.

Whether it was the sweet scent of The Spice Island attracted it away from the Home of the Blessed or something else, we all know that Grenada was not that fortunate as it received the full weight of the worst hurricane to hit it in recorded history. Reports are that over 90 per cent of all buildings were either destroyed or severely damaged. The full report of what happened to Grenada can be found elsewhere. It will take generations for Grenada to return to the pre-Ivan days.

Although the "Home of the Blessed" did not get Ivan's full wrath, St. Vincent and the Grenadines suffered substantial damage which would have seemed greater had our neighbour not been hit so hard. The Windward

side of the country as well as some of the Grenadines islands were hardest hit. Many Vincentians decided to lick their wounds and suggested that despite their damage the international donors should focus more on Grenada than their own country. There were even radio-thons to raise money for our cousins south of us and many more functions will be organized to assist them within the next year or so.

Some persons are however expressing concern about the amount of damage the government claims was done to our country but Prime Minister Gonsalves stands by the estimate evaluated by the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO), being just over One hundred million dollars. To help you understand how NEMO and the government arrived at those figures we present a breakdown for our readers on the following page.

The Executive and members of The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto herewith express our sincere sympathy to all those who have been affected by the wrath of Hurricane Ivan and other disasters and ask that each of us to our utmost to help those affected in which ever way we can.

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Gossip means to Judge, Criticize
Discusses situations
Without proper information
And it doesn't really have a solution.

Gossip doesn't elevate or evaluate
Gossip only knows how to create hate
Gossip gives no power it's a liar
Doesn't need a flier
It only looks for the weaklings to devour

Gossip is selfish, has no self-esteem
Always cooking up some kind of scheme

Gossip is dormant-deceitful
Gossip is a shame
And carry's a bad name
It will drive you insane
And never, never takes the blame

Gossip walks and talks all about
Gossip never comes back the way it went out

It's contrary, nothing positive to see
Except to create conspiracy

Gossip it's idle - wrong, has no strength
Only tongue length
It tears asunder
Do not surrender

(by June Ellis)

How Hurricane Ivan 2004 affected St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Please find below a summary situation report, by the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO), pertaining to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan. A detailed report will follow as soon as it is available.

PEOPLE	Dead	NIL	Estimated Cost
	Missing	NIL	
	Hospitalised	NIL	
	Sick /Injured (Not hospitalised)	04	
	Homeless/evacuated	168	30,000
PERMANENT DWELLING	Destroyed	42	2,520,000
	Damage but habitable	323	1,257,000
	Damage but inhabitable	88	88,000
	Houses require relocation (sea surge)	125	8,750,000
	Labour Cost for reconstruction		1,895,000
BUSINESSES	Destroyed	06	600,000
	Damage but not operational	04	40,000
	Damage but operational	10	20,000
UTILITIES	Damage/operational (Light, water, telephone, Cable)		30,000
SCHOOLS	Damaged	06	50,000
HEALTH CENTRES	Damaged	02	40,000
AGRICULTURAL	Banana Loss of revenue Rehabilitation		4,500,000 3,900,000
ROADS REPAIR			3,000,000
AIRPORT	Extensive damage to sea defence walls, lights, night landing facilities and fencing		5,000,000
COASTAL DAMAGE	Land erosion, Clean-up, sea, defence plants, etc.		3,000,000
SEA DEFENCE SYSTEMS (North East Cost)	The North East coast was devastated, Houses were washed away by the sea, and others flooded, and damage. Sea defence is absolutely necessary to protect roads, communities and environment		75,000,000
TOTAL ESTIMATE			109,738,000

This estimate will be revised when a more precise assessment is transmitted to us.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.

Membership Registration Form

Be a Member!

Join with us in achieving our goals.

Mission Statement

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association (SVGA) of Toronto is a non-profit community based Association. We are committed to providing assistance and support to groups, institutions in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Ontario and wherever the Association deems fit. To provide an anti bias forum for Cultural, Educational, Social and Recreational enrichment and to maintain a network of communication through information and referral.



Objectives

- To maintain a high level of volunteerism through recruitment, training and effective utilization of skills.
- To provide a forum to promote leadership and advocacy for the enrichment of Culture and Education.
- To provide an anti bias environment for the discussion of matters of general interest to its members.
- To plan, implement and participate in fundraising activities to meet urgent human needs.
- To promote social and recreational events to enrich the lives of Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors.
- To maintain a network of communication through information and referral.

Our membership meetings are held on the LAST SUNDAY IN EVERY MONTH from 4:00 p.m. at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court (Keele St. & Sheppard Ave. W), North York.

We hope to see you there!

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